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**BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
JANUARY 20, 2006**

The meeting of the Board of Emergency Medical Services was called to order by Bruce Beins, Chairperson, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the State Capitol, Room 1023, 1445 K Street, Lincoln, NE, 68509. Copies of the agenda had been sent to board members and other interested parties at least ten days prior to the meeting. Roll was taken and the following board members were present:

Shawn Baumgartner	Bruce Beins
Michael Buscher	Joel Cerny
John Doyle	Bob Dunn
Dave Engler (arrived at 9:45 a.m.)	Dan Hakel (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)
Bob Olson	Val Snyder
Michael Westcott	

Members Absent: Ron Balthazor, Rommie Hughes, Ben Lans, Clint Rasmussen, Earl Rudolph, Tom Surber.

Credentialing Staff present were:

Diane Hansmeyer, Section Administrator
Patty Pearson, Credentialing Coordinator
Pam Harris, Credentialing Specialist

AGENDA

Olson moved to approve the amended agenda. Snyder seconded.

Discussion: Bruce Beins, Chairperson, stated that he would like to move Item 21 Miscellaneous Business before Item 9(b) Individual Certifications (Closed Session). The reason for moving this item is so the public could address the Board on a couple of items of interest before the Board goes into closed session.

Voting aye: Baumgartner, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Doyle, Dunn, Olson, Snyder, Westcott.

Voting nay: none. Absent: Balthazor, Engler, Hakel, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MINUTES – NOVEMBER 18, 2005

Westcott moved to approve the November 18, 2005, Board of Emergency Medical Services Minutes. Doyle seconded.

Discussion: none.

Voting aye: Westcott, Snyder, Olson, Dunn, Doyle, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner.

Voting nay: none. Absent: Balthazor, Engler, Hakel, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

FIRST RESPONDER TRANSPORTING ISSUE

Bruce Beins, Chairperson, welcomed Senator Michael J Flood to the board meeting. Senator Flood "Thanked" the Board for letting him address his concerns. Flood explained there were several issues that were discussed with him by ambulance services in his district. Those issues being the transporting of patients by first responders, training, the ability to pass the National Registry Exam, and that on any given day there may be a shortage of EMTs during the daytime in the surrounding communities in the Norfolk area.

Dan Hakel arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Senator Flood stated that he has spoken with other Senators on the issue of first responders transporting patients. Other Senators also have concern regarding the availability of EMTs in sparsely populated rural areas of Nebraska and the response time for medical emergencies in those rural areas. Senator Flood's bill would give blanket authority for first responders to transport patients in any given emergency situation. Senator Flood stated that he is aware that the Board opposed his bill at the November 18th board meeting. He further stated that he feels that this bill may not be the answer, however, he feels there is an answer that can be dealt with in the rules and regulations rather than statute.

Senator Flood and Dr Tom Surber met on this issue. They discussed including with the fifty-hour first responder course, training that would enable a first responder to begin transport provided dual dispatch was in place. It was also discussed that if the first responder passed the additional training, that they could be given a provisional license to allow patient transport provided that the first responder took the EMT Bridge course and passed the National Registry Exam for EMT within a period of time. Dr Surber was not in favor of the provisional license suggestion. Senator Flood explained that he does not have an interest in watering down the rules and regulations. He further explained that he wants an incentive to become an EMT-B so there aren't ambulance services with only first responders.

Senator Flood stated his district feels that this issue needs immediate attention. There will be a hearing on Senator Flood's bill. Senator Flood stated at the hearing his primary communication will be that his bill is not the answer to the EMS response problem, however, a suggested solution. He further stated that he hopes the Board of Emergency Medical Services in the next year will work with some of the rural areas like Madison, and set up a Task Force that will assist those who have failed the National Registry

Examination or develop an intense training course for individuals who do not pass the National Registry Examination the first time through. Senator Flood stated that what he is asking for is some assistance from the Board of Emergency Medical Services and does not want an adverse relationship with this Board. He further stated that he has a lot respect for this Board and emergency medical services.

The Board explained simultaneous transferring is something that can be done without any changes to the current rule and regulations. It was further explained that a tiering system could also be used among ambulance services in a rural area without any changes to the current rule and regulations. A tiering system could assist with the issue of availability of EMTs during the daytime. EMS Programs will assist in developing tiering systems for rural areas, however, it takes willingness of all services within the rural area. These two suggestions are available to services at this time without any changes to the rule and regulations or statutes to assist with the immediate issue of transporting patients.

It was also suggested that nursing home patient transports could be done by a paid ambulance service. Nursing homes have the nurses and the drugs on site for patient care until the paid service could arrive on the scene. This process would leave the volunteer services free for the emergency medical calls and cut down on the extra stress these types of calls create for volunteer services that have limited personnel available in the daytime.

It was also suggested 911 dispatchers use criteria for ambulance services when dispatching calls in an area. This would need to be a regional effort within a rural area.

The Board pointed out that someone needs to be held responsible for emergency medical services in the State of Nebraska. Again, these suggestions were placed in the Board's five-year report prepared for the Legislature in 2004.

Bruce Beins, Chairperson, stated he identified five points from the conversations he had with Senator Flood and what was said at the board meeting. Those points being 1. Does the Board have the authority to add a new classification and add transporting of patients to the scope of practice for first responders; 2. Does the Board have the authority to strengthen the model protocols regarding mutual aid by setting a time limit; 3. Does the Board have the authority to require simultaneous dispatch; 4. The issuance of a provisional license; and/or 5. Allowing first responders to begin transport with a simultaneous dispatch of another service.

Beins "Thanked" Senator Flood for addressing his concerns to the Board. Senator Flood left the board meeting.

The Board had discussion that they should not lower the standard and it is going to take legislation to make someone responsible in the State of Nebraska for emergency medical services.

The question was asked if the Board had the authority to issue a provisional license. Diane Hansmeyer stated that would take a change in the statutes. Another question was asked if the Board had the authority to grant a service a hardship waiver to allow first responders to transport. Hansmeyer explained that a service would have to prove that they could not provide patient care to the community in order to grant such hardship.

Dave Engler arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Beins asked the question if the Board had any interest in creating a new classification. The issue of a new classification came up for the Intermediate 85 and Intermediate 99. It was decided at that time there was no need for a new classification. It was felt that there could be another remedy before a new classification was created.

A question was asked if a certified first responder who received certification prior to requiring passage of the National Registry First Responder Examination had to take the First Responder National Registry Examination before they could take the bridge to become an EMT. Diane Hansmeyer stated that the State of Nebraska does not require a certified first responder to pass the First Responder National Registry Examination before they can take a bridge course to become an EMT. Hansmeyer stated that this could be a training agency's prerequisite. The Board asked Garry Steele, EMS Training Coordinator, if he could check with training agencies to see if this is a prerequisite.

Beins pointed out in the Model Protocols under the section of Transport/Intercepts there are three sentences that would need to be reviewed by the Protocols Committee. If Senator Flood's bill passed then sentence two stating that first responders should not be used to replace EMT level would need to be corrected. Beins also pointed out that in sentence three it states that tiered response, with an appropriate service is encouraged if assistance or level of care needs exist and can be met in a timely manner. It is up to the service's physician medical director to put a policy and procedure in place for requiring tiered response. He further stated that he is not sure if the Board would have the authority to require a tiered response procedure. Diane Hansmeyer stated that the Board could write something in the Model Protocols for tiered response.

The problem of having something in the Model Protocols is that it takes outside cooperation from sheriff offices, 911 dispatch centers, etc.

Beins stated the next thing that he had is if the Board would have the authority to amend the current rules and regulations to require simultaneous dispatch. Diane Hansmeyer said the rule and regulations could be amended regarding simultaneous dispatch. The rule and regulations state that an ambulance service must have a back up response but it does not have a time limit requirement or any other requirements.

Beins, Chairperson, assigned the Protocols/NARSIS Committee to review the Model Protocols on tiered response and assigned the Training Agencies and Service Programs Committee to review the current rule and regulations on strengthening the service's back up response requirement. These committees will bring their recommendations back to the Board.

Beins asked if the Board had any interest in providing a provisional license or increasing the scope of practice of first responders. The Board decided to stand by their motion from the last board meeting that opposed lowering the standard.

Bruce Beins encouraged all board members to provide comments at the public hearing. Diane Hansmeyer will email all board members the date of the public hearing on Senator Flood's bill. Senator Flood's bill is LB1058.

EMS UPDATE

Doug Fuller, Southeast EMS Coordinator, stated that he was here today representing Dean Cole, EMS Program Administrator, because Mr. Cole had a prior commitment. Fuller reported that Dean Cole had outlined six different items of interest and presented the Board a copy of that outline. (Attachment A)

Gary Hastings, Northeast EMS Coordinator, has accepted a new position as manager with Area Health Education Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The Northeast EMS Coordinator's position has been approved for rehire by HHSS Human Resources. The Northeast EMS Coordinator position has been posted and is open to accept applications through early next week. This position is traditionally based out of Norfolk.

Fuller stated that four hundred and three services are listed in the e-NARSIS that could utilize the system once training has been completed. There are two hundred and three ambulance services that have completed training. There are one hundred and thirty-one ambulance services that have entered data into the system. A total of 20,460 runs have been entered. Seventy-two percent have been entered by a Service Bridge, which is basically entry through a desktop computer. Twenty-eight percent have been entered by a Field Bridge, which utilizes a portable PC in the field. Carla Becker and Doug Fuller will be conducting fourteen training sessions between March and October of 2006. There will be two training sessions in each EMS Region. Fuller stated that they are also working with receiving facilities training focusing on hospitals. All 2000 data has been entered and anticipate all of 2005 data entered by April 15, 2005 so a five year comparison can be done of the data. EMS Programs are looking at three areas for EMS System Analysis over the next year. Those areas are times, treatments, and transportations. Fuller asked the Board if they would like any specific data reviewed to contact EMS Programs. Dr Anne Okeefe, Lei Zhang and Ming Qu are interfacing data with Trauma Registry and CODES.

Fuller stated that Dean Cole, EMS Program Administrator, would like the Board and any other appropriate individuals to review the data sets in the current rules and regulations to the Standardize National EMS Data Set to see if there are any needed amendments.

EMS Programs is inviting the National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) to Nebraska. NEDARC will come to Nebraska in late March and conduct an analysis of Nebraska's data systems. This analysis evaluates all aspects from the EMS Provider to final products and then gives their recommendations.

Fuller stated that EMS Programs have now mapped all ambulance service locations in Nebraska and have taken pictures of their facilities. EMS Programs would be able to put in place the necessary resources in the event of catastrophic emergency.

Fuller stated that EMS Programs is doing another EMS Survey. This is an on-line survey. There will be one hundred percent participation. A total of two hundred and fifty-five ambulance services have completed the survey. EMS Coordinators will be contacting ambulance services that have not completed the survey. The surveys that have been entered show that seventy-five percent of ambulance services are billing.

MARK-1 KITS (NERVE AGENT ANTIDOTE KITS)

Olson moved to give the Mark-1 Kits issue to the Protocols Committee for their review and bring back to the Board their recommendations. Snyder seconded.

Discussion: Leo Benes of the Lincoln Fire Department and Dan Hughes of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department wanted to address the Board on the use of the Mark I Kits for out-of-hospital emergency care providers in the event of a terrorist attack. Mark I Kits contains an antidote to be used in an exposure to nerve agent (chemical agents) or organophosphates (insecticides) for emergency service providers.

Leon Benes presented to the Board a copy of the Mark I Kit Draft Protocol. (Attachment B) Benes stated that Mark I Kits have been purchased for Lincoln/Lancaster County. He further stated that there had to be a plan in place to be able to purchase the kits. The plan had to be submitted to their contact at the government level because as part of that they had to provide a thousand responders within the community, which was part of the original contract in 2001.

Shawn Baumgartner stepped out at 9:50 a.m. He returned at 10:00 a.m.

Benes stated that they have a specific plan as to how the kits will be assigned. They will provide training in the administration of the Mark I Kits. Over half of the City of Lincoln Firefighters have already been trained.

The question was asked are these kits going to be used by paramedics, etc or just the military. Benes stated the focus is to save the emergency medical responder. The Board discussed if the administration of the auto injectors would have to be addressed for the first responders and emergency medical technicians scope of practices. The question was asked that if in a given emergency situation would there be another set of regulations that would take the place of the current rules and regulations by the Governor signing a declaration. Benes stated that a declaration from the Governor could run into a time issue. The training is three hours in length and has been taught by the Poison Control Center.

Shawn Baumgartner stepped out at 11:25 a.m. He returned at 11:30 a.m.

It was suggested to check what the State may have defined in statute regarding US Homeland Security and if there is some kind of leeway to address this issue. Bruce Beins, Chairperson, stated that he would discuss with Rick Sheehy, Lt. Governor, US Homeland Security in Nebraska and give direction to the Protocols Committee.

Voting aye: Baumgartner, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Dunn, Engler, Hakel, Olson, Snyder, Westcott. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Doyle. Absent: Balthazor, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

Dr Daryl Wills, Liaison from the Board of Health, was present at the board meeting. Dr Wills stated that he was here today to take back any concerns the Board of Emergency Medical Services may have to the Board of Health. The Board of Health Meeting will be held on Monday, January 23rd, 2006. Bruce Beins, Chairperson, stated that Dr Wills may want to take to the Board of Health the issue of first responders transporting patients and expanding the first responder's scope of practice. Beins explained to Dr Wills that this

Board made a motion at the November board meeting to oppose LB1058. Dr Wills stated that he could certainly take this information to the Board of Health

APPOINTMENT OF A TRAUMA LIAISON

Bruce Beins, Chairperson, appointed Shawn Baumgartner as the Board's Trauma Liaison to the Trauma Board. Bob Olson and Dr Westcott had previously attended the Trauma Board Meetings.

NON-TRANSPORT SERVICE BECOMING TRANSPORT SERVICE PROCEDURE

Olson moved to approve Johnson County Ambulance service as a Transport Basic Life Support Service pending passage of their inspection. Dunn seconded.

Discussion: Bob Olson stated that he was contacted regarding the issue of a 1981 ambulance unit that had been purchased from a Nebraska ambulance service by an ambulance service that had not been using the ambulance unit and has decided they wanted to become a transport service instead of a non-transport service. The question was would the non-transport ambulance service be able to utilize this ambulance unit. The history of the ambulance unit is that Humboldt purchased this unit and then sold it to Nemaha County. Both of these services used the unit. However, Nemaha County then sold the ambulance unit to Johnson County. Johnson County was a non-transport basic life support service and did not utilize the ambulance unit. Johnson County has now decided to become a transport basic life support service.

The current rules and regulations state that ambulances used for the transportation of patients that are owned by licensed emergency medical services on March 9, 1999 may continue to be used as ambulances. The question becomes does this ambulance unit follow this requirement since Johnson County Ambulance has not been using it for patient transport. Humboldt and Nemaha County ambulance services did use the ambulance unit in question for patient transports. The Board decided that this unit met the exception to the rule of the KKK specifications because it meets the requirement of previously being owned by another Nebraska licensed ambulance service and being used for patients prior to March 9, 1999.

Diane Hansmeyer stated that the Board does not have any thing in the rules and regulations regarding an ambulance service going from a non-transport ambulance service to transport ambulance service. A non-transport service would not require the equipment for transporting patients. Hansmeyer stated that to protect the public the Board should go out and inspect the non-transport ambulance service to make sure all the equipment is present for transporting patients and then approve them as a transport ambulance service.

Voting aye: Olson, Snyder, Westcott, Baumgartner, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Doyle, Dunn, Engler, Hakel. Voting nay: none. Absent: Balthazor, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Bruce Beins, Chairperson, stated that the Board had a person from the public that would like to address the Board before going into closed session.

Bob Rose "Thanked" the Board for their interest and quality of EMS for the State of Nebraska. He stated he had a couple of concerns he would like to address for the Board's consideration. The first concern is if the Board would consider moving the closed session to the beginning of the meeting or to the end of the meeting so the public would not have such a long wait for the Board to go back into open session. He felt that the public was leaving before the Board came out of closed session and missed important issues that were later on the Board's agenda. The Board felt that the closed session could be moved for the convenience of the public.

Mr. Rose explained the second concern he would like to address is the investigation process of individuals and the Board's recommendations to the Attorney General's office in closed session. He felt that the complaints and the Board's recommendations to the Attorney General's office could be better addressed in open session. Lisa Anderson from the Attorney General's office explained that it would be illegal to make public private information of an individual. She further explained that in the Uniform Licensing Law, 71-168-01, item 8, states all meetings of the professional boards or between a board and staff of the department or the Attorney General on investigation matters shall be held in closed session, including the voting of the Board on any matter pertaining to the investigation or recommendation. The Board of Emergency Service could not make their recommendations to the Attorney General's office in open session.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

SERVICES APPLICATIONS

Olson moved to approve 3 M Valley EMS as a Basic Life Support Non-Transport Service. Buscher seconded.

Discussion: Bob Olson, Chairperson of Site Committee, stated that Earl Rudolph did the site visit. Earl was not able to be here today due to a prior commitment. Olson stated that Earl sent him a copy of his report on this service. The report showed that they had everything in order and meet the current rules and regulations. This service will be a non-transport service and is located in Valley, Nebraska.

Voting aye: Baumgartner, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Doyle, Dunn, Engler, Hakel, Olson, Snyder, Westcott. Voting nay: none. Absent: Balthazor, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

Olson moved to approve Fonner EMS as a Basic Life Support Non-Transport Service. Baumgartner seconded.

Discussion: Bruce Beins did the site visit. Fonner Park recently contracted with Grand Island Fire to be present at their events, however, due to liability insurance and over time Grand Island Fire chose not to contract further with Fonner Park. Fonner EMS has an agreement with Grand Island Fire for the transporting of patients. They had everything in order and meet the current rules and regulations. Fonner EMS will be present at all Fonner Park events.

Voting aye: Hakel, Engler, Dunn, Doyle, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner, Westcott, Snyder, Olson. Voting nay: none. Absent: Balthazor, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONS REPORTS

Doyle moved to go into closed session at 12:10 for the purpose of protecting the reputation of individuals and reviewing investigation reports. Engler seconded. Discussion: The Board allowed Dr Wills, Board of Health Liaison, in closed session. Voting aye: Westcott, Snyder, Olson, Hakel, Engler, Dunn, Doyle, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner. Voting nay: none. Absent: Balthazor, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

Buscher left the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Returned to closed session at 1:05 p.m.

Doyle left the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Returned to closed session at 1:05 p.m.

Returned to open session at 1:20 p.m.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATIONS

Olson moved to approve Bradley L. Peterson, Jeremy Dinges, and Donald J. Westerman to practice as certified emergency medical technicians and Ryan Rosentiel to practice as a certified first responder. Engler seconded.

Discussion: none.

Voting aye: Olson, Snyder, Westcott, Hakel, Engler, Dunn, Doyle, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner. Voting nay: none. Absent: Balthazor, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

TRAINING AGENCY APPROVAL FROM BASIC TO ADVANCE

Olson moved to approve Gordon Memorial Hospital as an Advanced Training Agency. Buscher seconded.

Discussion: Gordon Memorial is a Basic Training Agency. They have applied to become an Advanced Training Agency. Garry Steele did a site visit. They meet the requirements for the approval as an Advanced Training Agency. The Board had concerns and discussion on the frequency of training at the advanced level. Bruce Beins, Chairperson, assigned the Training Agencies and Service Programs Committee to review this issue to see if there is a need for any amendments to TITLE 172 NAC 13, Emergency Medical Services Training Agencies.

Voting aye: Olson, Snyder, Westcott, Baumgartner, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Doyle, Dunn, Engler, Hakel. Voting nay: none. Absent: Balthazor, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

Hakel moved to waive the continuing education renewal requirements for Clinton T Hosick based on TITLE 172 NAC, Out-Of-Hospital Emergency Care Providers, Section 11-004.10A, item 1, the certificate holder has served in the regular armed forces of the United States during part of the 36 months immediately preceding the certification renewal date. Doyle seconded.

Discussion: Diane Hansmeyer stated that the Department received a request for a waiver from Clinton T. Hosick. Mr. Hosick was deployed in September of 2004. He had ten hours of the thirty hours of continuing education before he was deployed. Section 11-004.10, Waiver of Continuing Competency Requirements was in the proposed rules and regulations. Hansmeyer explained that the proposed rules and regulations were approved by the Governor on December 22, 2005 and went into effect on December 27, 2005.

Voting aye: Hakel, Engler, Dunn, Doyle, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner, Westcott, Snyder, Olson. Voting nay: none. Absent: Balthazor, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

COURSE APPROVAL FOR JEFFREY LEAF

Baumgartner moved to approve the Prehospital Trauma Life Course on January 28th & 29th in Holdrege, NE to meet the condition of Jeffrey Leaf's probationary certification. Hakel seconded.

Discussion: Diane Hansmeyer stated in accordance with the conditions of Jeffrey Leaf's probationary certification he is required to complete a four (4) hour course on patient assessment on or before August 11, 2006. She further stated that the Board must approve the course. Mr. Leaf has provided two courses. Those courses are Prehospital Trauma Life Support and Assessing the Patient. The Prehospital Trauma Life course will be held on January 28th and 29th, 2006 from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. in Holdrege, Nebraska. The Assessing the Patient course will be held on February 21, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Beatrice, Nebraska. No objectives were provided.

Voting aye: Baumgartner, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Doyle, Dunn, Engler, Hakel, Olson, Snyder, Westcott. Voting nay: none. Absent: Balthazor, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

NATIONAL EMS SCOPE OF PRACTICE MODEL

Shawn Baumgartner stated that as the National EMS Scope of Practice Model becomes effective there will be some changes in how EMS will look at things. The National EMS Scope of Practice Model will be used for the National EMS Educational Standards and will have a change in curriculums. He further stated that the 1st responder scope of practice won't have many changes at the National Standard from what the State of Nebraska now allows. He further stated the State of Nebraska's emergency medical technician scope of practice is broader than the National Standard. The State of Nebraska's emergency medical technician intermediates scope of practice administration of drugs is broader than the National Standard. The National EMS Scope of Practice Standard for intermediates is going back to the intermediate 85 scope of practice. The State of Nebraska's emergency medical technician paramedic scope of practice won't have many changes at the National Standard from what the State of Nebraska now allows.

NURSE'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Dr. Michael Westcott stated that due to time constraints of his job he would be resigning from the Board of Emergency Medical Services effective with the appointment of his replacement. Dr Westcott will be turning The Nurse's Scope of Practice Committee over to John Doyle to chair. Dr. Westcott stated that he would provide John with his file regarding the "Competency Checklist" for licensed nurses. The Board "Thanked" Dr Westcott for all his hard work and the Board will miss him.

PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS

PROPOSED CHANGE-SERVICE RENEWAL'S

Shawn Baumgartner stated that he would like to propose an amendment to the current rules and regulations for a service's renewal requirement. Baumgartner stated that if a service is an accredited by the Certification of Air Medical Transport (CAMT) the Department would forgo the service audit based on the accreditation with CAMT. The reason would be that the service has been inspected by CAMT and that CAMT has their own criteria, which is more stringent then the State of Nebraska. The service would have to provide proof to the Department that they are accredited by CAMT. The question was asked if this was for air ambulances only. Baumgartner stated that CAMT includes ground and air ambulances. Bruce Beins, Chairperson, assigned this issue to the Training Agencies and Service Programs Committee for their review and bring their recommendation back to the Board.

UPDATE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS

Diane Hansmeyer stated that the Governor approved the amended rules and regulations on December 22, 2005. The amended rules and regulations went into effect on December 27, 2005. The approved rules and regulations are on the web site. Hansmeyer stated that they are being prepared for printing. Hansmeyer suggested that the Board send a letter to all ambulance services and training agencies giving them the web site to retrieve their copy of the approved rule and regulations. The letter will also inform them that they could call the Department for a hard copy if they do not wish to retrieve the approved rules and regulations from the web site. The Board felt a letter to all ambulance services and training agencies would be sufficient. Hansmeyer will compose and send the letter.

OUT-OF-HOSPITAL PERSONNELL COMMITTEE

There is nothing new to report at this time.

TRAINING AGENCIES AND SERVICE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

There is nothing new to report at this time.

NON-STATE REGULATORY ISSUE COMMITTEE

There is nothing new to report at this time.

407 REVIEW / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Bruce Beins stated that he has been monitoring legislative bills that may be of interest to the Board. Those bills are:

1. LB994 – Health and Human Services Cleanup Bill
2. LB1058 – Senator's Flood bill regarding 1st responders transporting patients. The Nebraska Emergency Medical Services Association is opposing this bill.
3. LB1152 – Rail operators or railroads for the safety and security of community structures provide emergency response providers with adequate information about facilities and safety plans. The emergency response providers need adequate knowledge of the rail facilities in the state and emergency plans for those facilities.
4. LB841 – Safe Haven Act. A parent may leave an infant who is seventy-two hours old or younger with a safe haven provider for example firefighter, emergency medical technician for a period of thirty days without an agency removing the custody of said parent permanently.
5. LB891 – Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Act. A Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Task Force will be created. The Task Force will develop a comprehensive plan to address the increasing epidemic of hepatitis C in Nebraska.
6. LB879 – Provide for notation of advance medical directives on motor vehicle operator's license and state identification cards.
7. LB1151- Provides for Firefighter's license plates.
8. LB1148-Relating to schools. Provide student possession and self-administration of prescription asthma or anaphylaxis medication.
9. LB1107- Relating to schools. Provide for student self-management of diabetes at school and school related activities.
10. LB1088- Promote awareness of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Shaken Baby Syndrome.
11. LB1072- Relates to volunteer fire and rescue departments. A person or service that donates fire control or rescue equipment to a volunteer department would not be liable for civil damages, personnel injuries, property damage or loss of death caused by the fire control or rescue equipment after donation unless it was the donor's intentional or reckless conduct or gross negligence.

Bob Dunn stated there is a publication that is available. The publication lists all the bills that are being introduced. The number to call to be placed on the mailing list for the publication is 471-2877. Bruce Beins stated that the web sit for the Unicameral is www.unicameral.state.ne.us

PROTOCOLS / NARSIS COMMITTEE

Bruce Beins stated that he has emailed some changes to the model protocols regarding abluterol and a few other items to the Protocols Committee. The Protocols Committee hopes to have a draft by the next board meeting. Diane Hansmeyer reminded the Board

that if they are approached by an individual regarding the additional modules that an individual must complete the training through an approved training agency by a certified EMS Instructor and be approved by their service's physician medical director before they are allowed to administer the additional modules.

FIELD BLOOD DRAW

Shawn Baumgartner tabled this item.

DATA DICTIONARY

Diane Hansmeyer stated that she needs to table this item because the Data Dictionary for eNARSIS system has not been finalized. She will bring a copy of the final version for the Board's review.

REAFFIRMATION OF MAIL BALLOTS

Olson moved to reaffirm the mail ballots for Shelly Kay Loving and Jason A Thompson to practice as certified emergency medical technicians. Engler seconded.

Discussion: none

Voting aye: Olson, Snyder, Westcott, Baumgartner, Beins, Buscher, Cerny, Doyle, Dunn, Engler, Hakel. Voting nay: none. Absent: Balthazor, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Bruce Beins, Chairperson, asked if the Board would like to move the Closed Session of the board meeting either at the beginning or at the end of the meeting. Diane Hansmeyer stated that at one time we had the Investigations at the end of the meeting. Investigations requested that the Board move it up because sometimes the investigator would already have in forty-hours and this was causing overtime. The Board felt that moving Closed Session at the beginning would be sufficient. The Closed Session at the beginning of the board meeting will give the public more time to arrive at the meeting and they won't have a waiting period for the Board to return to open session.

Bruce Beins, Chairperson, presented a draft EMS Board Committee list (Attachment C) to the Board. He asked all board members to please review this list to see if there are any needed changes. Beins re-appointed Mike Buscher and Dave Engler as the Board's Screeners for Investigations.

Olson moved that the Board go on record that it truly appreciates Dr. Michael Westcott's hard work and effort for this Board and all other board business. Dunn seconded.
Discussion: none.

Voting aye: Olson, Snyder, Hakel, Engler, Dunn, Doyle, Cerny, Buscher, Beins, Baumgartner. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Westcott. Absent: Balthazor, Hughes, Lans, Rasmussen, Rudolph, Surber. Motion carried.

Dr Wills reported to the Board that the Rewrite of the Uniform Licensing Law will not been introduced this year. Dr Wills asked the Board if there were anything that they would like for him to take to the Board of Health. The Board "Thanked" Dr Wills for attending the Board of Emergency Medical Services Meeting. The Board asked him to report on LB1058 to the Board of Health and that the Board of Emergency Medical Services opposes this bill because the Board felt it was lowering the standards for EMS in Nebraska by allowing first responders to transport patients.

The Department will place Dr Wills on the email address list to receive all Board of Emergency Medical Service's agendas and minutes.

There being no further business, Bruce Beins, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.